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hope that you'll support the amendment to the amendment because if things are going to pass, we may as well put them in as good a shape as we can.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. You've heard the closing on the Wickersham amendment, FA129, to the committee amendments to LB 657. The question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the Wickersham amendment to the committee amendments. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 mays on the adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Wickersham amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Amendments to be printed, Senator Connealy to LB 75 and Senator Brashear has several amendments to LB 707. And that's all that I have at this time. (Legislative Journal pages 1192-1201.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, next item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Further discussion on the committee amendments to LB 657? Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I don't know what we're going to see as a vote on the committee amendments. But I don't think the committee amendment is, frankly, essential for the passage of the bill. The bill was introduced without a bonding requirement. This bill wasn't put together on the last day before bill introduction. This bill was put together long before then. In fact, if you were reading the newspapers, you knew this bill was being put together over an extended period of time. If bonding was important to this bill, it would have been in the bill when it was introduced. I can't imagine that the